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**To Whom It May Concern:**

**Re: Canada/U.S. Medical Reciprocity Agreement for Commercial Drivers-W Code**

I am writing to inform you of the Canada/U.S. Medical Reciprocity Agreement for Commercial Drivers which will take effect in Ontario in May 2013.

The Agreement addresses differences in the medical fitness standards between Transport Canada and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Commercial drivers with a hearing impairment, monocular vision, insulin-dependent diabetes, history of epilepsy or seizures or drivers who have not filed a cyclical medical report and were downgraded as a result, will be receiving a new Ontario driver's licence card in the mail. Drivers with any of the conditions mentioned above, will have a "W" code displayed on their licence card and on their driving record indicating that they may not operate a commercial vehicle in the United States.

A "W" code will be displayed in the "Rest/Cond" field on the front of the driver's licence card. The associated descriptor for the "W" code, shown on the back of the card will display "Comm Veh CA/Véhic. comm. CA".

In April, affected commercial drivers will receive a notification letter advising them that a new, replacement driver's licence card with the "W" code indicator will be coming to them.

Presently, if a driver has more restrictions than can be displayed on the licence card, a plus sign "+" will be displayed in the "Rest/Cond" field. An electronic check will ensure the most recent driver licence status, restrictions and conditions are validated.

At this time, I would like to request your assistance in helping us raise awareness with respect to this Agreement by communicating this information to your membership.

If you would like to discuss the Medical Reciprocity Agreement for Commercial Drivers, you may contact the Medical Review Section at 416-235-1773 or 1-800-268-1481 or e-mail at [DriverImprovementOffice@ontario.ca](mailto:DriverImprovementOffice@ontario.ca).

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Brown  
Director  
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c: Judy Taggart, Manager, Driver Improvement Office